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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 316
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend one of Tennessee's
best and brightest students, Sharon T. Agnew,
2001 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School
Valedictorian.

WHEREAS, The elite group of students who work hard, overcome tremendous pressure, demonstrate academic superiority, and make significant contributions to their respective schools and communities are superb role models, and are thus richly deserving of special recognition and commendation; and

WHEREAS, Sharon H. Agnew, who has been widely praised by faculty and fellow students, was recently named the 2001 Valedictorian at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, in honor of her unmatched four-year record of rigorous study, steady composure during examinations, and leading penetrating discussions; and

WHEREAS, Sharon's exemplary Grade Point Average certainly bodes well for her successful future; and

WHEREAS, She was a National Merit Finalist and received three Gold Honor Roll (end of the year) Awards, the Honors English II-A and II-B Awards from Ms. Ruth Lewis, the Honors

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Geometry Award from Mr. Bob Mason, the French I and II awards from Madame Rita Rogers, the Chemistry Award from Mr. Bill Baker and the Honors English III Award from Mrs. Diane Ward; she won third place in the Ninth Grade and fifth place in the Tenth Grade in the watercolor division of the Tennessee Junior Classical League Convention Art Competition; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished scholar has earned the Perfect Attendance Awards for each of her first three years of high school; and

WHEREAS, This well-rounded student is also a talented singer, having served as a four-year member of the school's Chorus; she also served as Secretary of the chorus during her Senior year, has been honored with the Chorus Lead Soprano Award from Ms. Ruth Lewis; she placed third in the school's 1998 Talent Fest, Soloist Division and is a valued member of the Gatlinburg Community Chorale; and

WHEREAS, She has served admirably as President of the French Club, as Senior member of the Highlanderettes, as Historian and Editor of the Interact Club Newsletter, as Senior member of the school's Scholars' Bowl team, as Stage Manager for the school's production of *"Little Shop of Horrors,"* and as a member of the National Beta Club, the Tennessee Junior Classical League, the school's Yearbook staff, and the Prom Committee; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Sharon is an active member of the Laurel Springs Christian Church Youth Group and is the senior member and assistant to the director of the church's successful Kids For Christ program; and

WHEREAS, A true representative of the generous nature of the "Volunteer State," she has contributed her expertise and leadership to the 4-H Honors Club, and Project: Lead and Learn and she has also served astutely as a counselor at Clyde Austin 4-H Camp, as President of the Senior Class 4-H Club, and as Secretary of the County Honor Club; and

WHEREAS, Her parents, Gordon and Helen Agnew, her family, her school and community are very proud of Sharon's fine record of public service and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor one of Tennessee's most highly regarded students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we bestow our heartiest congratulations upon Sharon T. Agnew for being chosen the 2001 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.